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Ref: 2592-21779

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Post Office Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application  
Frio Sand, Reservoir A, SUA, SUB, SUC, SUD, SUE &  
SUF  
**BAYOU VERDINE FIELD**  
Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana  
Applicant: Mayne & Mertz, Inc.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Mayne & Mertz, Inc.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Frio Sand, Reservoir A in the Bayou Verdine Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create six (6) single drilling and production units of approximately 160 acres each for the Frio Sand, Reservoir A, designated as the F RA SUA, SUB, SUC, SUD, SUE and SUF, Bayou Verdine Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said units;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a

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The Frio Sand, Reservoir A, in the Bayou Verdine Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the measured depths of 8,862 feet and 8,916 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Mayne & Mertz, Inc.-Entergy No. 1 Well in Section 16, Township 9 South, Range 9 West, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on April 14, 2003. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. Leon Comeaux presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. It is anticipated that there will be no opposition at the public hearing on this matter. The rights of the parties were reserved.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the F RA SUA, SUB, SUC, SUD, SUE and SUF, Bayou Verdine Field, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Leon Comeaux of Leon Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette La 70505 (337) 233-9839.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

  
B. J. Duplantis

BJD/ht

Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson  
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and  
Interested Parties

